AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~A method of controlling routing~~Routing of packets is controlled in a connectionless routing protocol network including an infrastructure of packet switching nodes interconnected by packet transport links, and a plurality of access nodes to which a routing path, defined by data held in packet switching nodes located along said routing path, may be directed in ~~said~~the infrastructure for a given network address~~, said method comprising:~~.

~~routing packets along a first routing path for a first network address, which routing path is directed to a first access node serving a mobile node using said first network address via a communications link;~~

~~designating an interface, other than the communications link to the mobile node from the first access node, on which to forward packets arriving along said first routing path;~~

~~altering routing in said infrastructure for said first network address to create a second routing path for said first network address, directed to said second access node;~~

~~altering routing in said infrastructure for said first network address to remove said first routing path not before said second routing path is created;~~

~~handing over the communication link of the mobile node, such that the second access node serves said mobile node; and~~

~~routing packets to said second access node via said second routing path.~~

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